

34. An inflation adjusted financial instrument comprising:
a principal component, the principal component being periodically adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to obtain an inflation-adjusted principal component;
an accrual component including an interest rate fixed for a term of the financial instrument;
wherein periodic interest payments are paid based on the inflation-adjusted principal component at the time said periodic interest payments are paid; and
wherein the inflation-adjusted principal component is payable at the end of the term.

35. The financial instrument of claim 34, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

36. The financial instrument of claim 34, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.

37. The financial instrument of claim 36, wherein said debt instrument comprises a bond, a certificate of deposit or an annuity account.

38. An inflation adjusted financial instrument comprising:
a principal component;
an accrual component having fixed and variable interest components payable periodically, said variable interest component being adjusted for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and
wherein the principal component is payable at the end of a term of the financial instrument.

39. The financial instrument of claim 38, wherein said Consumer Price Index (CPI) comprises the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U).

40. The financial instrument of claim 38, wherein said financial instrument comprises a debt instrument.